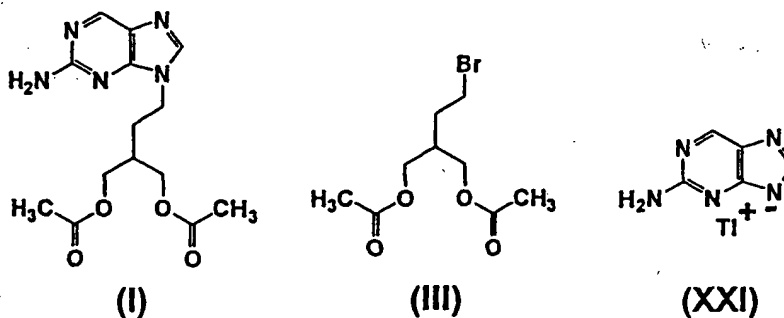


IN THE CLAIMS

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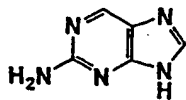
Claim 1. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of Formula (I), which comprises reacting a compound of Formula (XXI) with a compound of Formula (III) in a polar organic solvent:



Claim 2. (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the polar organic solvent is at least one selected from the group consisting of N, N-dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, lower alcoholic solvents with 1-3 carbon atoms, and a mixture thereof.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 0-100 °C.

Claim 4. (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the compound of Formula (XXI) is obtained by the reaction of a compound of Formula (II) with a compound of Formula (IV):



(II)

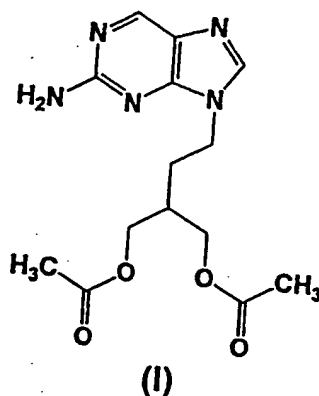
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(IV)

Claim 5. (Original) The process of Claim 4, wherein the reaction is carried out in at least one polar organic solvent selected from the group consisting of N, N-dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, lower alcoholic solvents with 1-3 carbon atoms, and a mixture thereof.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 4 [or 5], wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 0-100 °C.

Claim 7. (Original) Use of thallium (I) ethoxide (TIOEt) for the preparation of 9-[4-acetoxy-3-(acetoxymethyl) but-1-yl]-2-aminopurine of Formula (I):



Claim 8. (New) The process of Claim 2, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 0-100 °C.

Claim 9. (New) The process of Claim 5, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 0-100 °C.